

Welcome to the VA North Texas Health Care System Pharmacy Residency Programs



VA North Texas serves over 195,000 Veterans in 38 counties in Texas surrounding the Dallas metroplex area and two counties in southern Oklahoma. VA North Texas is a 1A complexity level facility and is the second largest VA health care system in the country. The main campus is in Dallas, TX with additional campuses and clinics in Bonham, Fort Worth, Garland, and Tyler, as well as community-based outpatient clinics in Grand Prairie, Plano, Denton, Decatur, Sherman, Greenville, and Granbury.

VA North Texas provides comprehensive health services through primary, tertiary, and long-term care in many areas, including medicine, surgery, mental health, and rehabilitation. The 835-bed system includes Spinal Cord Injury Center, Domiciliary and Community Living Center with dedicated hospice and dementia units. The Fisher House on campus at Dallas VA Medical Center provides no-cost temporary lodging in a home-like setting for families of Veterans or active-duty military personnel receiving VA care. A Polytrauma Suite provides specialized treatments and therapies for traumatic brain injury and other combat-associated conditions, and a dedicated Mammography Suite provides OB-GYN and imaging services in a private spa-like environment for female Veterans.

Pharmacy Department

The Pharmacy department at VA North Texas is comprised of a diverse group of over 200 pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, administrative, and technical staff dedicated to meeting the needs of Veterans.

Our ***mission*** is to provide high quality, Veteran centered pharmaceutical care...ALWAYS.

Our ***vision*** is to be recognized as a department of excellence by providing state of the art pharmacy services that exceeds the needs of those we serve.

We currently have over 80 staff supporting our clinical pharmacy section – made up of clinical pharmacist practitioners, clinical pharmacists, and clinical pharmacy technicians. Our clinicians serve in pharmacy practice roles across all settings and levels of care; including Emergency Room, Internal Medicine, Critical Care, Surgery, Long Term Care, Spinal Cord Injury, Primary Care, Anticoagulation, Home Based Primary Care, Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health, Hematology-Oncology, Infectious Disease, and Pain Management.

Residency Programs Overview

VA North Texas has a rich tradition of supporting residency programs with over 180 residency graduates across all our programs.

VA North Texas HCS has offered a PGY1 pharmacy residency since 1996. Our program offers a diverse range of learning experiences to prepare the resident for additional PGY2 residency training or entry level clinical practice positions. The program offers a wide range of rotation experiences to develop the resident into a well-rounded, patient centered pharmacy clinician. The program is tailored to the individual needs of each resident with an emphasis on personal, professional, and leadership development.

We also offer a PGY2 pharmacy residency in Ambulatory Care and in Psychiatric Pharmacy. These programs have been in place since 2006 and 2014, respectively. Residents who complete PGY2 training in either program are prepared to enter advanced clinical practice positions.

Our dedicated residency program directors, residency coordinators, and residency preceptors are dedicated and invested in providing mentorship and training for didactic and personal development of residents.

Our residents are also afforded the opportunity to complete a clinician-educator residency teaching certificate program through a partnership with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC). The major goal of the training program is to supplement a strong clinical background with the skills needed to become a successful educator. The program includes didactic and web-based teaching models, mentored facilitator training for small group problem-based learning, and precepting of third and/or fourth-year Doctor of Pharmacy students. Residents also receive instruction in statistical analysis, and clinical trial design; submit a project proposal to the institutional review board; and collect, interpret, and submit their results for publication. Additional activities are provided to enhance discovery, integration, and writing skills.

Candidates will be ranked, and positions filled by submission through National Matching Service (NMS). NMS codes are as follows: PGY1 Pharmacy (182313); PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy (581965); PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy (688866).

For additional information about our residency programs, please view the additional links below and/or contact us at NTXPharmacyResidencyPrograms@va.gov.

Program Leadership



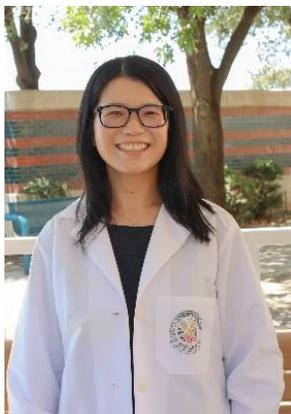
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Meet our 2023-2024 VA North Texas Health Care System Pharmacy Residents



PGY1 Pharmacy Residents



Maverick King, PharmD, MBA

PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
VA North Texas Health Care System

Dr. King, a native of Keller, Texas, holds a distinguished academic record, having earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry from Baylor University, his Master of Business Administration from Texas Tech University Rawls College of Business, and his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy.

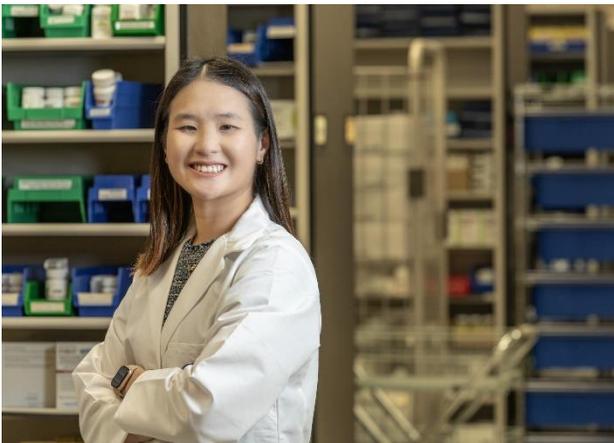
Presently, Dr. King serves as a PGY1 pharmacy resident at the VA North Texas Health Care System, where his primary professional interests lie in the fields of psychiatry, ambulatory care, administration, and academia. His career aspirations include completing a PGY2 residency in a specialized area of interest. Outside of his professional pursuits, Dr. King enjoys leisure activities such as travel, physical fitness, reading, video gaming, and quality time spent with family and friends.



Kalena Borchardt, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
VA North Texas Health Care System

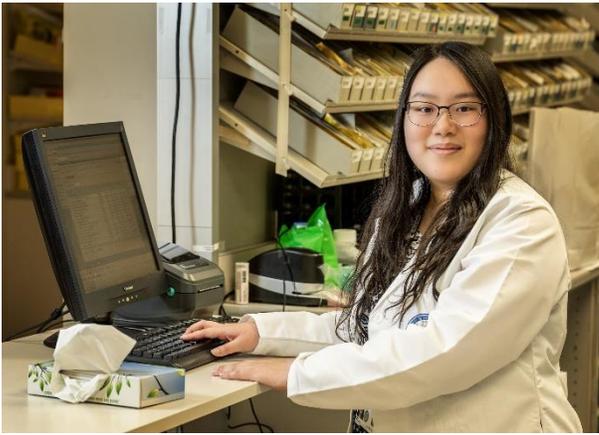
Dr. Borchardt grew up in Louisville, Kentucky before moving to Lexington, Kentucky where she attended undergraduate and pharmacy school.

She received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Kentucky in 2023. Her professional interests include mental health and ambulatory care. She plans to complete a PGY2 residency in a specialty area of interest. Her ultimate career goal includes practicing as a board-certified clinical pharmacist. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with friends, exploring Dallas, playing board games, and spending time outdoors.



Julie Hoang, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
VA North Texas Health Care System

Dr. Hoang is passionate about improving healthcare outcomes and is dedicated to making a positive impact on patients' lives through evidence-based practice and compassionate care. Born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Dr. Hoang earned her Bachelor of Science in psychology from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, and earned her Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) from Temple University School of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is a member of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP), the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), the Rho Chi Honor Society, and an alumna of Lambda Kappa Sigma. Her professional interests include psychiatry/mental health, infectious diseases, and ambulatory care. When she is not caring for Veterans at the VA North Texas, Dr. Hoang can be found with her dog Gumbo, spending time with her family, and enjoying the restaurants and exciting things to do that the Dallas area has to offer.



Kaitlin Doan, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
VA North Texas Health Care System

Dr. Doan obtained her Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from the University of Texas at Dallas and earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the TTUHSC Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy in Dallas. She is a member of Rho Chi and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP). Her professional interests include geriatrics, internal medicine, and infectious disease. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys trying new bakeries, collecting teaware, and spending time with her friends, family, and dog Sarabella.



Sweta Mishra, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
VA North Texas Health Care System

Dr. Mishra is from Plano, TX. She received her Bachelor of Science in Biology from Austin College, then went on to complete her Doctor of Pharmacy at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Her clinical interests include oncology, academia, infectious disease, and geriatrics. Dr. Mishra is a member of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, and an alumna of the Delta Kappa Chapter of Phi Delta Chi. Outside of pharmacy, she enjoys travelling, baking, spending time with friends and family, and exploring new restaurants in DFW.



Dalena Nguyen, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
VA North Texas Health Care System

Dr. Nguyen grew up in San Diego, California. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in chemistry from the University of California, Irvine in 2017. She obtained her Doctor of Pharmacy from UNTHSC System College of Pharmacy in Fort Worth in 2023.

She is currently a PGY1 pharmacy resident at the VA North Texas Health Care System and is interested in internal medicine. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her fiancé, playing with her 2 dogs, and going on camping trips. She also enjoys making arts and crafts with her Cricut machine.



Racheal Nicole McCreight, PharmD
PGY1 Pharmacy Resident
VA North Texas Health Care System

Dr. McCreight grew up in Memphis, Tennessee. She earned her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Pharmacy in 2023. Before attending pharmacy school, she earned her B.S. in Food Science from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Her professional interests include ambulatory care, women's health, and emergency medicine. In her free time, she enjoys traveling, cooking, watching movies and spending time with family and friends.

PGY2 Ambulatory Care Pharmacy Residents



Talie Gomez Newman, PharmD

PGY2 Ambulatory Care resident
VA North Texas Health Care System

Dr. Newman received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Creighton University in 2022 and completed her PGY1 pharmacy residency within the VA North Texas Health Care System. Her professional interests include academia, population health, chronic disease management, and geriatrics. In her free time, she enjoys reading, playing music, and spending time with her dog and husband.



Taylor Ramsey, PharmD

PGY2 Ambulatory Care resident
VA North Texas Health Care System

Dr. Ramsey is originally from Shelby, North Carolina. She attended pharmacy school at the University of South Carolina College of Pharmacy and completed a PGY1 residency at the VA North Texas Health Care System. Her professional interests include chronic disease state management and academia. In her free time, she enjoys crocheting, thrift shopping, and spending time with her husband and their three cats (Pico, Slinky, and Jupiter).

PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Residents:



Kayla Williams, PharmD

PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy Resident
VA North Texas Health Care System

Dr. Williams is from New Orleans, Louisiana and grew up in Grand Prairie, TX. She went to Xavier University of Louisiana for both her undergraduate studies and pharmacy school.

She is a member of Kappa Psi and received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2022. She went on to complete her PGY1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at Unity Health - White County Medical Center in Searcy, AR. Her professional interests include mental health, internal medicine, and ambulatory care. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her friends and family, roller skating, and playing video games.



Derek Jay Rodriguez, PharmD

PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy resident
VA North Texas Health Care System

Dr. Rodriguez was raised in Weslaco, Texas and attended The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, receiving his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. Following this, he attended the University of Houston College of Pharmacy.

After receiving his Doctor of Pharmacy in 2022, he completed his PGY1 at the El Paso VA Health Care System. Derek's long-term goals include becoming a board-certified psychiatric pharmacist and to continue providing optimal mental health care to the nation's veterans. In his free time, he enjoys playing video games, hiking, and playing with his cats, Bellona and Nyx.



Margaret Towers, PharmD

PGY2 Psychiatric Pharmacy resident
VA North Texas Health Care System

Dr. Towers was born in San Antonio, Texas and raised in Gilbert, Arizona. She received her undergraduate degree in Biochemistry from Arizona State University then received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 2022 from the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy. She completed her PGY-1 residency training at Banner Boswell in Sun City, Arizona. Her professional interests include mental health and transitions of care. Outside of residency, she enjoys trying new restaurants, paddleboarding, and Pilates.